

IN THE CLAIMS

1. **(currently amended)** A packet communication system communicable to one or more terminals, said packet communication system comprising:

an editing communication unit, which when there is a change in a communicability state of said terminals, edits and transmits information on the communicability state of said terminals,

wherein the packet communication system is accommodated in a router device and the router device monitors a communicability state of said one or more terminals by polling said terminals from the packet communication system.

2. (previously presented) The packet communication system of claim 1, wherein the editing communication unit sets to an incommunicable state those of said terminals that are incommunicable for a predetermined period of time.

3. (previously presented) The packet communication system of claim 2, further comprising a server wherein the editing communication unit edits the communicability state information of the terminals in e-mail format and transmits the edited communicability state information to the server.

4. (previously presented) The packet communication system of claim 1, further comprising a World Wide Web server, wherein said communication editing unit edits the communicability state information of the terminals in tagged-text format and provides the edited communicability state information to the World Wide Web server as a file name including a date and/or time of day.

5. (previously presented) The packet communication system of claim 2, wherein the server is an FTP (File Transfer protocol) server and the communication editing unit edits the communicability state information of the terminals into table-format data and provides the edited communicability state information to the FTP server as a file name including date and/or time of day.

6. (previously presented) The packet communication system of claim 3, wherein billing information corresponding to the communication executed by the terminals is included in the edited communicability state information.

7. **(currently amended)** A packet communication system accommodating one or more terminals and comprising

an agent reception and transfer unit, which when at least one of said terminals is in an incommunicable state determined by polling said terminals from the packet communication system, receives e-mail instead of a user of a terminal that is in the incommunicable state and transfers the received e-mail to a desired transfer destination.

8. (original) The packet communication system of claim 7, wherein the agent reception and transfer unit which receives e-mail instead of the user, includes one or more prescribed characters in a title of the received e-mail, and transfers the received e-mail to the desired transfer destination.

9. (original) The packet communication system of claim 7, wherein if the prescribed characters are included in the title of the e-mail, the agent reception and transfer unit sets the e-mail to be in unread state.

10. (original) The packet communication system of claim 7, wherein if an e-mail address of the transmission origin of the e-mail before the e-mail is received agrees with the e-mail address used by the agent reception and transfer unit, the agent reception and transfer unit sets the e-mail to be in unread state.